

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, and 9, and add Claims 13-27 to read as follows.

1. ~~(Currently Amended) A printing system in which a host device and~~

a printer are connected via a communication medium and a print job produced in said host device is transferred to said printer to execute printing, comprising:

memory means in which paper output place information on the paper output place used in said print job is registered;

requisition means for issuing a request for paper output place information for enabling a user to specify a paper output place to be used in a designated print job, according to an instruction from the user;

retrieval means for retrieving the paper output place information on a the designated print job from said memory means; and

information means for informing the paper output place information on the designated print job, obtained by said retrieval means, to the user, in response to issue of said request by said requisition means.

2. (Original) A printing system according to claim 1, comprising

detection means for detecting papers stacked on said paper output place of said printer, and elimination means for eliminating information on the print job having used the corresponding paper output place from said memory means when said detection means detects that papers have been removed from said paper output place.

3. (Original) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said memory means or said retrieval means is provided in said printer.

4. (Original) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said memory means or said retrieval means is provided in said host device.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a printing system in which a host device and a printer are connected via a communication medium and a print job produced in said host device is transferred to said printer to execute printing, said method comprising the steps of:

registering paper output place information on the paper output place used in said print job in memory means;

issuing a request of paper output place information for enabling a user to specify a paper output place used in a designated print job, according to an instruction from the user;

retrieving the paper output place information on a the designated print job from the memory means; and

informing of the paper output place information on the designated print job, obtained by in said retrieval retrieving step, to the user, in response to issue of said request in said step of issuing the request.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a printing system according to claim 5, comprising an elimination the step of eliminating information on the

print job having used the corresponding paper output place from ~~said~~ the memory means when papers have been removed from the paper output place of ~~said~~ the printer.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a printing system according to claim 5, wherein said registration step or said retrieval step is performed in ~~said~~ the printer.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a printing system according to claim 5, wherein said registration step or said step retrieving is performed in ~~said~~ the host device.

9. ~~(Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory medium which~~
stores a control program for a printing system in which a host device and a printer are connected via a communication medium and a print job produced in said host device is transferred to said printer to execute printing, said program comprising the steps of:

registering paper output place information on the paper output place used in said print job in memory means;

issuing a request of paper output place information for enabling a user to specify a paper output place used in a designated print job, according to an instruction from the user;

retrieving the paper output place information on a the designated print job from ~~said~~ the memory means; and

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~~informing of the paper output place information on the designated
print job, obtained by in said retrieval retrieving step, to the user, in response to issue of
said request in said step of issuing the request.~~

10. (Original) A memory medium according to claim 9, storing an
~~elimination~~ the step of eliminating information on the print job having used the
corresponding paper output place from ~~said~~ the memory means when papers have been
removed from the paper output place of ~~said~~ the printer.

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11. (Original) A memory medium according to claim 9, provided in
~~said~~ the printer as a memory medium which stores the program for ~~said~~ the printer to
perform said registration step or said retrieval step in ~~said~~ the printer.

12. (Original) A memory medium according to claim 9, provided in
~~said~~ the host device as a memory medium which stores the program for ~~said~~ the host device
to perform said registration step or said retrieval step in ~~said~~ the host device.

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13. ~~(Currently Added) A method for controlling a printing system~~
which includes a printer having a print unit for performing a print process of a print job and
plural sheet storage units, ~~said~~ method comprising:

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a request step, of issuing a request of storage unit specifying
information for enabling a user to specify the sheet storage unit used for a designated print
job designated based on a user's operation, according to an instruction from the user; and

~~a notification step, of notifying the user of the storage unit specifying~~
information corresponding to the designated print job, in response to the issue of the
request in said request step.

14. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 13, further
comprising a storage step, of storing, in a memory unit, the storage unit specifying
information of each print job capable of performing management concerning which print
job uses which sheet storage unit,

wherein said notification step includes notifying the user of the
storage unit specifying information corresponding to the designated print job in response to
the issue of the request in said request step, through a retrieval process for retrieving the
storage unit specifying information corresponding to the designated print job requested in
said request step from among the plural items of storage unit specifying information stored
in the memory unit.

15. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 14, wherein the
storage process of the storage unit specifying information in said storage step is performed
by the printer.

16. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 14, wherein the
storage process of the storage unit specifying information in said storage step is performed
by a host device capable of transmitting a print job to the printer.

17. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 13, wherein the issue of the request of the storage unit specifying information in said request step is performed by a host device capable of communicating with the printer.

18. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 17, wherein said request step causes at least one of plural units including an application unit, a utility unit, a printer driver unit and an interface driver unit of said host device to generate inquiry data based on the request.

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19. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 18, wherein the inquiry data is composed of plural data including command data for instructing an inquiry concerning the storage unit and job data for specifying the job.

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20. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 17, wherein said notification step enables to notify a user of said host device of the storage unit specifying information by causing a display unit of said host device to display the storage unit specifying information in response to the issue of the request through said host device in said request step.

21. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 17, wherein the issue of the request of the storage unit specifying information in said request step can be performed through other device different from said host device.

22. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 21, wherein said notification step enables to notify a user of the other device of the storage unit specifying information, by causing a display unit of the other device to display the storage unit specifying information in response to the issue of the request through the other device in said request step.

23. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 21, wherein said printer, the host device and the other device can mutually communicate through a network.

24. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 13, wherein said request step includes issuing the request for the storage unit specifying information for enabling the user to specify the sheet storage unit used for the designated print job designated based on the user's operation, from among the plural sheet storage units of the plural printers including the printer and another printer, according to the instruction from the user, and

said notification step includes notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information for enabling the user to specify the sheet storage unit used for the designated print job from among the plural sheet storage units of the plural printers including said printer and the other printer, according to the issue of the request in said request step.

25. (Currently Added) A method according to Claim 13, wherein said notification step includes notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information according to the issue of the request in said request step, within at least a period from print

~~completion of the designated print job to removal completion of the sheet for the
designated print job from the sheet storage unit.~~

26. (Currently Added) A printing system which includes a printer having a print unit for performing a print process of a print job and plural sheet storage units, comprising:

request means for issuing a request of storage unit specifying information for enabling a user to specify the sheet storage unit used for a designated print job designated based on a user's operation, according to an instruction from the user; and

notification means for notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information corresponding to the designated print job, in response to the issue of the request by said request means.

27. (Currently Added) A method for controlling a printing system which includes a printer having a print unit for performing a print process of a print job and plural sheet storage units, said method comprising:

a request input step, of inputting a request of storage unit specifying information for enabling a user to specify the sheet storage unit used for a designated print job designated based on a user's operation, the request being issued according to an instruction from the user; and

a response output step, of outputting the storage unit specifying information to be notified to the user and corresponding to the designated print job, in response to the input of the request data in said request input step.